

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 740

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Detective Lieutenant Mike Hayes
on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of service to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mike Hayes is one such estimable person who served with distinction for thirty-four years as a law enforcement officer and worked with the U.S. Department of Justice High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task force for the last five and one-half years of his career; and

WHEREAS, Detective Lieutenant Mike Hayes took a much deserved retirement on February 28, 2014, a day when dozens of his co-workers from the East Tennessee state and federal justice systems joined him to celebrate the law enforcement career of their respected colleague; and

WHEREAS, Mike Hayes is an active and important part of his community and his profession, serving the citizens of both Grainger and Hamblen counties with full attention to what matters most to the individuals he encounters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes began his career in law enforcement with the Grainger County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher and patrol officer; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, he accepted a position with the Hamblen County Sheriff's Department, working as a correctional officer and eventually moving to the road; he was promoted to shift captain in 1986 and to detective in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Det. Lt. Hayes' responsibilities grew during his tenure with the Hamblen County Sheriff's Department until he eventually headed up both the department's general investigations and narcotics investigations divisions; and

WHEREAS, he received the job offer of a lifetime when he was named an officer with the U.S. Department of Justice High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task force, a position he served in for five and one-half years before retiring from his notable career; and

WHEREAS, Det. Lt. Mike Hayes exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Det. Lt. Mike Hayes demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Detective Lieutenant Mike Hayes our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, thank him for his service to the state of Tennessee, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.